

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
GROUP HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2786)
Connecticut Road
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-T

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

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Location: Connecticut Road, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621880.4945980
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Administrative

Significance: Building No. 2786 provided administrative and operational space for squadron-level functions.

Project Information: Building No. 2786 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Group Headquarters Building (Building No. 2786)

Layout

Building No. 2786 is a 6,376 square-foot, one-story, concrete block building with a flat roof and rectangular plan. The building is built on a reinforced concrete foundation.

The interior of the building reflects its administrative function: offices open off a double-loaded corridor.

Alterations/Additions

Building No. 2786 has newer one-over-one metal sash or single light awning windows that were installed circa 1985. Otherwise, it has had no significant additions or alterations.

Function

Built in 1956, the Group Operations Building provided an operational base for squadron-level planning, briefing, administration, and critique of combat crews. Space was also provided for the care, storage, and issue of flying clothing and equipment for each crewmember including parachutes, survival kits, life rafts, antiexposure suits, arctic clothing, life preservers, transceiver radios, and oxygen masks. Space was provided for the operations officer to direct the flight operations and tactical functions of the squadron. Building No. 2786 also provided space for the squadron commander and his staff, storage of squadron records, control of unit flying and training tasks, intelligence, radar and navigation, cruise control, photos and maps, briefing room, locker area, radios and electronic countermeasures.

Significance

Building No. 2786 housed support operations essential to Strategic Air Command (SAC) flight operations, and as such it brought into one organized location the administrative, communications and supply functions necessary to support the flight squadron's mission. Because such flight support operations were critical to SAC bombers being able to fulfill their mission, Building No. 2786 was critical to the Plattsburgh AFB and SAC Cold War missions.

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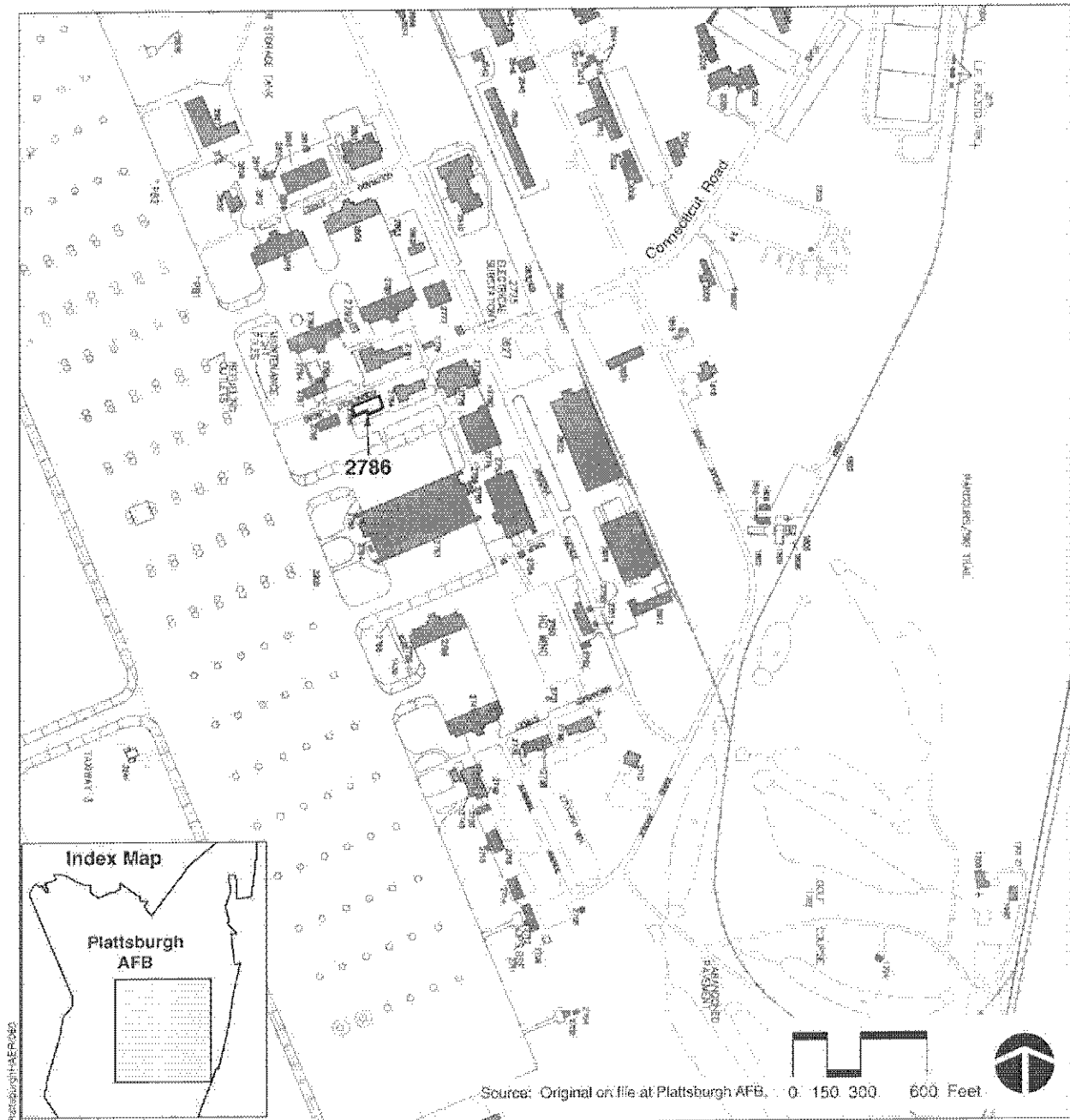
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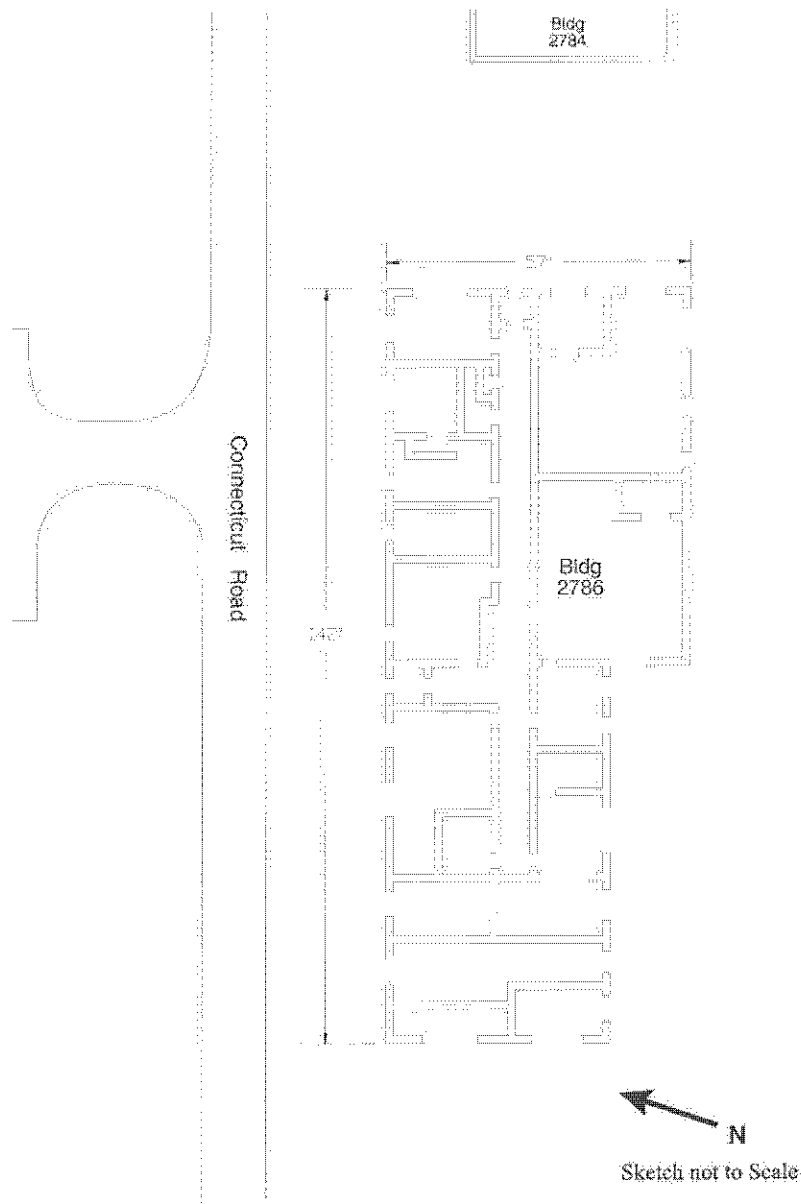
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(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2786)
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